

## RICHMOND DEMOCRAT.

Thursday Evening, Sept. 25, '79.

Daniel Drew, the famous New York speculator, died last week at the age of 82.

The wheat market advanced last week, causing the failure of two or three firms in St. Louis who were speculating largely.

The executive committee of the State Grange meets in St. Louis to-day to select a place for the next meeting.

Saline county is to have a new court house. The old one threatened to fall down and the officers moved it.

Query for the Fulton Telegraph—Is it Tucker's intention to put in a bid for the office of State Treasurer?

Bethany, Harrison county, was considerably shaken up by a storm last week doing considerable damage to buildings, but fortunately no person was hurt.

The yellow fever is steadily abating at Memphis, Tennessee, but persons who left to escape the malarial are warned not to return yet.

The great Tammany ring of New York that has been such a dead weight on the Democracy of that state is completely "busted" and will never be troublesome after this year.

Judge Redd, of the Hannibal Judicial District, has decided that what is known as the drugists' liquor law, being a revised bill, does not take effect until November 1st when the revised statutes become operative.

A Baltimore physician says Bright's disease of the kidneys is caused by drinking too much ice water. A New York physician says it is caused by drinking too much whisky. A Louisville physician proposes to mix 'em.

Luster of the Brunswick News wants to sell his office at 50 per cent below cost, to some man who "yearns for the pleasant position of a newspaper publisher," but then he is only jesting. Republican editors nearly all take spells of that kind.

The British soldiers in South Africa, have captured Cetewayo, the Zulu king, which will put an end to the unfortunate war, which has cost the English government so much blood and treasure, without any hope of reward.

Gen. Conway, the New England Philanthropist who is interesting himself in the negro exodus, says that not less than 100,000 of the poor deluded creatures will be induced to come North next year.

The election comes off in Ohio on the second Tuesday in next month. The canvass is now red hot. Ewing and his party are making a gallant fight on principle, while Foster and his party are playing every card to win. The clerks at Washington are bled heavily to furnish the Republicans campaign money.

Special dispatches to the Kansas City Times from different points in Kansas tell of fights, murders, robberies, and a general state of lawlessness in many parts of that state, yet our Republican exchanges keep silent on the subject. Life and property are not as secure to-day in Kansas as in Missouri.

The republican papers of Missouri are doing all in their power to drive immigration away from this state. They have slandered the state and its people shamefully, yet the immigrants continue to move here and settle regardless of the efforts of these lying sheets. The next census will tell a story that these radical editors will despise.

A shoemaker named Peter Bowman, was run over and had both legs cut off by the Chicago & Alton train, at Glasgow, last week. He was in destitute circumstances, but the German Relief Association, of that place, of which organization he is a member, took charge of him and will see that every want is supplied.

"Remonetize the daddy's dollar," said somebody "and you will drive all the gold out of the country." The daddy's dollar was remonetized, and here comes gold by the shipload. It is not too much to say that somebody didn't know.—*Later Ocean.*

That "somebody" was John Sherman and the leaders of the Republican party in Congress.

An Ohio weather prophet who has gained some celebrity for accuracy in such matters predict that the coming winter will be "warm and wet, with a few cold snaps of limited duration; but it will be colder than the winter of 1877-78."

The Fulton Telegraph is in favor of Tucker the cheap Collector of Callaway county as a Democratic candidate for State Treasurer next year. Tucker is a good man and a safe financier, but is he not one of those bolting Independents who have been trying to break up the Democratic party in Callaway? Will the Telegraph please tell us whether Mr. Tucker is a sound Democrat or whether he wants to bid for the state office.

We would call the attention of the good looking but remarkably astute editor of the Carrollton Record to the fact that the Republicans were over 20,000 in the minority at the recent election in California and over 2,000 in the minority in the state of Maine. In both these states a few years ago they had an overwhelming majority. Tell us exactly why you draw so much comfort out of this situation.

The Kansas City Fair is in progress this week. The attendance the first of the week was small. There are too many catch-penny departments about it to make the fair much of a success. They have added a gallery over the main promenade for the benefit of the men who part their hair in the middle and don't like to associate with the common herd.

The issue in Ohio is doubtful, but the Democrats won't need the state in the next Presidential election, consequently if they lose it, they need not be discouraged. Added to the solid South they only need 47 electoral votes to insure success. Indiana, New Jersey and New York will furnish these. So you see we need not fret much about Ohio or California.

The boasted solidity of the Republican congressional delegation in the recent elections in California, is sadly broken in upon by the official returns which give the Third district to Berry, Democrat, by a clear majority over Joseph M. Keena who was defeated at the election two years ago by John K. Luttrell.

Gen. Grant and family arrived at San Francisco, California last Saturday, after a long sojourn away from home. He was received with many demonstrations of joy by the people on the Western coast. His Presidential boom will now commence in earnest.

The editor of the Lexington Register says he is not responsible for our statements, which we must confess is the wisest remark we have ever seen printed in that paper but we will ask him if he is responsible for the statements of the Moberly Headlight? Please answer the question.

An exchange truly remarks that to get the praise of a Missouri Republican paper it is only necessary to abuse the state. Henry Clay Dean is now being slobbered all over by the Radical press because he has taken to abusing the state and defaming the fair name of her citizens.

The Globe-Democrat says that Carl Schurz must join the Grant boom or be bounced out of the party, but as Schurz is a bigger man than old McKee, the owner of the G. D., we conclude that he will not be "bounced" just yet.

Late dispatches say that several thousand people in Memphis are suffering for food. They refuse to go out of the camp established by the authorities, preferring to stay in town and starve. All who go to the camp are furnished rations.

At the recent election in Maine neither candidate for Governor had a majority of the votes cast and the legislature will have to choose a Governor. The boasted Republican victory is not yet accomplished.

The Jefferson City Tribune again predicts that the state will lose nothing by State Treasurer Gates. We hope the Tribune is right but we have very little faith in such predictions.

From our exchanges we see that Mr. Hickman, the temperance lecturer, filled his appointments at other places and the papers speak very highly of his ability as a lecturer.

Over \$31,000,000, in gold have been received in this country since last January, from Europe. The balance of trade is largely in our favor now and prosperity should come upon us once more.

The Platte City Advocate publishes the names of all the people of Platte county who have attained the age of 70 years. Their number is over 75.

Carrollton Record: Rev. W. H. Lewis, last year at Richmond, has been sent to Carrollton this year by the Conference of the M. E. Church, South. Mr. Grimes goes to Richmond. Our friends there will find him a genial, pleasant gentleman, a good pastor and a public spirited citizen. We wish him success wherever he may go.

Two men, Armitage and Sylvester, are in jail in Carrollton on a charge of burglarizing a store in De Witt last week.

Hon. John Walker attended a grange picnic down near Norborne last week and spoke his piece to the assembled multitude.

James Daly a grain buyer at Wright & Co's elevator in St. Joseph was accidentally killed last Monday by the falling of a grain spout which crushed his skull.

Columbus, Kansas, has a Poland china hog that weighs 1335 pounds, which is doubtless the largest hog now in existence.

The Radical papers of Ohio are publishing the Yazoo affair as a horrible thing, but fail to find any wrong in the mob who at Waterville, that state last Sunday night, blew up with gunpowder, the hotel of Henry Corbin, because he persisted in selling liquor according to law. The Xenia Gazette comments on the unsafety of life in Mississippi, and in the same paper gives the particulars of the triple murder by Willie Anderson, in Miami county of that state. So in California, the San Francisco Post, Radical, publishes the details of a recent murder in Mississippi, and concludes that the case "shows the necessity for the intervention of Federal authority." In the same page of the Post the reader is treated to "further particulars in regard to the lynching" of three men in an adjoining county, but the conclusion, as in the first case is omitted.

The Democratic ticket, the Independent ticket, and the Greenback ticket in Massachusetts have all endorsed Ben. Butler for Governor.

Chillicothe Constitution: Hon. Thomas H. Kemp, of this city, who has, hitherto, been one of the Post the reader is treated to "further particulars in regard to the lynching" of three men in an adjoining county, but the conclusion, as in the first case is omitted.

Hale Brown, the Randolph county, Mo., man, never, has been taken back from Moberly to St. Louis for sale keeping, his trial having been postponed until December 12th.

## THE GREATEST SLAUGHTER

(OF) MODERN TIMES.

FOWLER & EWING'S

[PRICES OF] FALL & WINTER GOODS LOWER THAN EVER

Please Read What We Have To say About The Different Departments:

### --:DRY GOODS:--

In this line we certainly have a Better Selected and Greater Variety than any house in this part of the country, CONSISTING OF Dress Goods, Trimmings, Calicoes, Shirtings, Cloths, Cassimeres, Flannels, Etc., and in fact everything that comes under the head of Dry Goods will be found at our store at prices very low.

### NOTIONS.

It would be impossible for us to enumerate the articles in this line, but rest assured we have them all at prices way below anything you can imagine. Don't fail to see us. We will make your visit pay you well.

### MENS', BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CLOTHING.

Don't be astonished if we offer you better Bargains for Cash this Fall than you have ever been able to obtain before. The Stock we are offering is way above the average and the prices just right. Give us a call. Again, by way of reminder, permit us to say that we don't allow any house in the county to undersell us. We love fair, honorable competition, and are always ready to meet it half way, and, if possible, do a little better.

### Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Such as Ties, Collars, Cuffs, Suspenders, Shirts, Drawers, Hose, Glove, and a thousand other things we can't mention your will find in our New Fall Stock at prices that can't beat. Call and convince yourself of this fact.

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

You can't afford to overlook our stock of Boots and Shoes this Fall. The prices are too low, and the goods second to none in the country. "The best is Cheapest", therefore do not be deceived by Cheap, Shoddy goods.

### Hat and Cap Department.

An endless variety, suitable for Men, Youths and Boys, at prices lower than you have heard of for years.

-EVERYBODY INVITED TO CALL-

FOWLER & EWING.

One door west of Hughes' & Co., RICHMOND, MISSOURI.

### Petroleum.

Standing upon the high above the "Rocky Fork" meeting house, I behold the country spread out before me like a grand panorama. To the east the Backhouse ridge stretches away across the country from north to south. At its western base I see the heavy timbered valley of Crooked river extending away to the southeast as far as vision can behold. Turning to the North, I see the gurgling waters of the Rocky Fork glittering in the sunshine like a silver ribbon of silver, and meandering among the rugged hills and abrupt bluffs that extend on either side, producing a weird, romantic and sublime scene. I see in the southwest, the narrow bed of Silver creek, winding its course among the dark hills whose sides are covered with a deep, impenetrable wild wood. In the south, I see an opening in the hills, revealing the course of Turkey run, through which runs the Pleasant view wagon road.

These streams and valleys and ranges of hills all converging to a common center, form a circular basin, containing some two hundred acres.

On the northwest side of this basin, in the bed of the creek, are the celebrated oil springs of Rocky Fork. At the foot of the Backhouse ridge, near the meeting house, is the site of the "Beason Oil Well."

In 1880, a company was formed in Richmond composed of Messrs. Whittier, Ashbury and others, for the purpose of turning the creek, and draining the oil to the surface. They thought by this means to secure the oil, but when the water was drained from the springs, the oil ceased to flow.

The company bought three acres of land around the springs, and proceeded to bore a well on the bank of the creek, to the depth of ten or fifteen feet. It was covered with a thick black oil, resembling tar. Many gallons of oil were taken from this well. The company was supposed to contain valuable medicinal properties. The civil war breaking out, the work of prospecting for oil was discontinued. The excitement subsided until 1864, when the great oil excitement in the East secured local capital. Capitalists from the East came in, and began to prospect the country. Companies were formed in St. Louis, Leavenworth, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Richmond. Most of the land in the neighborhood of these springs was bought up at an enormous price, and that adjacent leased for a number of years. There were three wells sunk in this county, one near Russellville, one near Elkhorn and the one on Rocky Fork, known as the "Beason oil well." The company owning the latter, began prospecting with a capital of \$10,000. Mr. Beason, as appointed superintendent of the works, he procured a steam engine, augers, drills, shafts from tubing, pulleys, ropes, &c. He began work by erecting a derrick thirty-six feet high. The work proceeded slowly through the summer and fall of 1865. At the depth of 96 feet they struck coal, and again, at the depth 210 feet they penetrated a stratum of coal, said to be six feet thick. At the depth of 450 feet they reached a reservoir of oil, water and gas, the oil not in paying quantities.

When at the depth of about 650 feet, the auger became fastened in the well, and in endeavoring to pull it out, the shaft parted, leaving the auger in the well. All efforts to extract the auger were futile, and the means of the company having been exhausted, the work was abandoned. It is now thought that work will be resumed on these wells next summer.

HALLER, Sept. 20th, 1879.

Watkins Evans, a youth, was killed in the coal mine at Bevier, Macon county, by a falling rock, last week.

Wm. H. Vanderbilt controls 3,920 miles of railway, and employs 27,706 men, who receive some \$1,178,000 each month.

The result in Maine wipes out the Greenback party from national politics. The fight next year will be unembarrassed by third parties. It will be a struggle between giants, and will settle the policy of the nation for a quarter of a century.—Fulton Telegraph.

### DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Wasson & Fowler, is, by mutual consent, this day dissolved. All unsettled business will be settled by Fowler & Ewing, they having purchased the entire stock and business of the store of Wasson & Fowler.

Geo. I. Wasson, ALLEN M. FOWLER.

Having this day sold my interest in the partnership of Wasson & Fowler to Fowler & Ewing, I take this method of returning my thanks to the friends of the old firm and ask a continuing share of the liberal patronage to the new firm.

Respectfully, Geo. I. Wasson, Richmond, Mo., Sept. 23, 1879.

### Shaw House,

RICHMOND, MO. GEO. I. WASSON, PROPRIETOR.

Located convenient to all branches of business—south east of court house. Rooms large and airy and well-furnished. Best attention given to traveling public. Good sample room for Commercial men. Tables supplied with the best market affords. Hook to and from trains. Charges Moderate.

### An Invitation to all.

Come and see our handsome and well selected stock of—

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—JUST ARRIVED AT—

PETTUS & BRO.

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& Boys Clothing

the Very Best.

Hats and Caps

of many styles

Fancy & Family Grocer's

to suit the times.

Buy of us and save your dimes.

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Every Thing In a Flurry of Excitement at Lawson.

The Tools necessary for grading the Road have arrived. Parties who have been to Lawson state that the Public Square and several houses adjacent thereto are filled with—

Plows, Scrapers and Bain Wagons, which are being rapidly sold to the Farmers of Ray, Clay, Caldwell and Clinton counties by the undersigned

At Prices That Defy Competition.

28 BAIN WAGONS 28 JUST RECEIVED.

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Auction Sales at the well known and popular Livery Stable of McCullion & Quirk, at 1 o'clock on Saturday of each week. Farmers and others are invited to bring in their stock and see other property as they may desire to sell. Rates for services most reasonable. Come right along, gentlemen, we will make you feel happy.

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### BUY THE

GENUINE SINGER

MAchine.

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

LEAVE ORDERS AT

Taylor & Smith's Drug Store.

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JAMES H. HUTCHISON, AGENT.

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—THAT A MAN CAN GET THE—

BEST BARGAINS IN TOWN

—AT THE—

Grocery and Provision Store

—OF—

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—DON'T FAIL TO—

GIVE THEM A CALL.

Dealers in Country Produce.

Three Doors From Corner of Old "Number One."

## THE "BIG BOOM"!

WARINER & CO.

Having inaugurated a "Big Boom" in

GROCERIES,

Now propose to Outsell, Undercut

any and all Competitors in their line.

They have given their Competitors

A DEATH BLOW

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WE WILL SELL CHEAP

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To the person who wishes to economize,

To the Rich man who desires to save

Offers Rare Inducements.

Lay the Corner Stone of Your Life by

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But Deliver them at your door in any part of city.

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—ALL THIS—

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"Cost," "Bed-rock," Etc,

—BUT GO—

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